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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above-identified international application prior to calculation of the filing fee, and prior to examination thereof:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title of the Invention, please insert the following new lines:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS: NONE

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RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT: NONE**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (Amended) The bag according to claim 1, wherein said bag contains a cleaning agent or a chemical.

4. (Amended) The bag according to claim 1, wherein the contents of said bag are in the form of a powder or lumps.

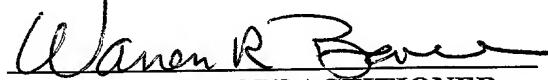
REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependency and to conform to U.S. style. The specification has been amended to include information concerning cross-references to other applications, as well as federally funded research. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) The bag according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein said bag contains a cleaning agent or a chemical.

4. (Amended) The bag according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [through 3], wherein the contents of said bag are in the form of a powder or lumps.